TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION OF 1104.

(OFFICIAL REPORT).

Thursday, the 15th August, 1929/31st Karkatakam, 1104.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town hall at Eleven-thirty of the Clock with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Particulars of revenue and income tax work in the Division Cutcherries during 1101-1103.

305. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing;

(*a*) the number of appeals under Land Revenue and Income tax filed in each year before each of the Division Peishkars and the number of cases disposed of by each of them during the last three years (1101-1103);

(*b*) the demand, collection and percentage of actual collections in each of the four Revenue Divisions during the last three years;

(*c*) the number of revenue cases, including appeals and land acquisition cases, disposed of in each Division during the last three years;

(*d*) the number of days spent in camp by each Peishkar and the number of institutions inspected by him during the last three years;

(*e*) the number of applications for land improvement and agricultural loans, and the number of such applications disposed of in each Division during the last three years; and

(*f*) the number of income tax assessees and the amount of collections in each of the four Divisions during the last three years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Statements* containing the information are laid on the table.

The Land Colonisation Scheme.

306. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware;

(*a*) that, owing to the delay in bringing into effect the Land

* *Vide* Appendix XLVIII—pages 1056-1059.

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[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

Colonisation Scheme, many of the syndicates registered for the purpose are not able to begin work; and

(*b*) that this inability on the part of the syndicates results in the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies taking action against such syndicates?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government have no information. The existing Land Colonisation Rules were found to be unworkable. The Director of Agriculture and Fisheries has therefore been asked to draw up a new set of rules for land colonisation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, are the Government aware that it is stated in the rules that syndicates registered for the purpose of land colonisation will receive certain concessions from the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, the rules say so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are they aware that certain syndicates have been registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, one or two.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government also aware that if these syndicates do not submit periodical returns according to the Company Regulation, they will be ordered to be wound up?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That may be.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware that, owing to this, persons who have registered syndicates are likely to suffer much loss?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I wish to say that the Government have not asked these persons to register these syndicates. It was a voluntary act on their part.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it not on the basis of this statement in the Land Colonisation Rules that these persons got registered the syndicates?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is true that the rules make some provision for the grant of lands to syndicates.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Do the proceedings of Government hold out any undertaking to the people that they will be given some lands?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): But the rules of the Government and their proceedings are also liable to alteration in the light of the experience that the Government gain.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is stated that the existing rules were found to be unworkable. When were they found to be unworkable?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Committees were appointed; they were not able to select lands. The Dewan Peishkars were not able to function as presidents of the committees and select lands. The question of the revision of the constitution of the committees came up to Government. Subsequently one of the members very strongly pleaded for the abolition of the rules in the Popular Assembly. He gave convincing reasons.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How many years back?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): About three years back.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When was the matter referred to the Director of Agriculture?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): On 22-2-1929.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How are the Government going to compensate the loss caused to the people by getting these syndicates registered on the basis of the statement contained in the Land Colonisation Rules?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question. Government had no hand in the matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government have no hand in the matter of publishing these rules and holding out an undertaking to the persons?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that point. When they published the rules, they did not say that the syndicates should be registered or that every syndicate registered will be given lands.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Then why should the Government say in the rules that they would do such and such things?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already said that when the Government published these rules, they did not undertake to compensate the persons for the losses incurred by them in the event of any syndicates being registered.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Did the rules published by the Government for any purpose at any time state that the Government will compensate the persons for losses incurred by them?

PRESIDENT: You are going into arguments.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I wish to get the point of view of the Government as regards the question whether the publication of the rules by the Government did not bind them?

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PRESIDENT: That is an academic discussion and I do not think the Secretary is bound to answer that question.

Statement, by caste, of Munsiffs in service.

307. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other communities among the Munsiffs now (1-7-1929) in service?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* required is laid on the table.

Registry of lands in the Kuttamangalam pakuti.

308. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a separate statement showing the extent of lands involved in *poramboke* cases and comprised in Survey No. 732/1 of the Kuttamangalam pakuti, Muvattupuzha taluk, which were registered as dry lands during the three years ending the 1st July 1929, and the amount of *taravila* per acre fixed by the Tahsildar and the Dewan Peishkar in respect of each such land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The statement† required by the member is laid on the table.

The General Hospital, Trivandrum.

309. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of patients treated in the General Hospital, Trivandrum, as in-patients and as out-patients in each of the years 1100, 1101, 1102 and 1103;

(*b*) the number of patients who underwent surgical operations in this Hospital during each of the above-mentioned years;

(*c*) of these, the number of major and of minor operations conducted during each of these years;

(*d*) whether there are any doctors at present (15-11-1104) in this Hospital who have specialised themselves in particular subjects;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative,

(i) their names; and

(ii) the subjects in which they have specialised themselves;

(*f*) whether doctors have at present been separately put in charge of the in-patient, the out-patient and the surgery sections;

(*g*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the affirmative, their names and the sections they are put in charge of;

(*h*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the negative, the name of the person who is at present in charge of all these sections;

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